

Announcements**C. Walton Lillehei Point/Counterpoint Session**

Time Out: Lists and Protocols Are the Best Method to Mitigate Human Error in the Hospital and Operating Room

Pro: Matthew S. Slater

Con: Thoraf M. Sundt

Friday, June 28, 2013**Breakfast Sessions***

How to Be Successful in the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Movement

Francis J. Crosson, Palo Alto, California

J. Scott Millikan, Billings, Montana

Dominic Tedesco, Ventura, California

CT Screening

Joshua R. Sonett, New York, New York

Postgraduate Course

Medical Miracles Cost Money

Geoffrey S. Sewell, Honolulu, Hawaii

Saturday, June 29, 2013**Controversies in Thoracic Surgery**

Studies Drawn From Large Administrative Databases Are Not Clinically Relevant

They Are Not Relevant: Brian Reemtsen, Los Angeles, California

They Are Relevant: Karl Welke, Seattle, Washington

*Separate Registration Required

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Each registration *includes* access to Wednesday's **New Members/Welcome Reception**, Thursday's **Samson Fun Run** and **Lewis and Clark Theme Dinner**, and Saturday's **Family Luncheon** and **President's Banquet**. (Registered children, ages 4-18, have access to supervised **Children's Receptions** during the New Members/Welcome Reception and President's Banquet.)

You may also *supplement* your Annual Meeting experience with these events:

- Thursday's **Optional Tours***
- Friday's **Golf Tournament***
- Friday's **Tennis Tournament***

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ACCREDITATION

This activity is being planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) and the Western Thoracic Surgical Association (WTSA). The AATS is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This live activity will be designated for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The American Board of Thoracic Surgery

Notices

The part I (written) examination was held on December 3. It is planned that this examination will be given at multiple sites throughout the United States using an electronic format. The closing date for registration is August 1 each year. Those wishing to be considered for examination must apply online at www.abts.org.

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: 312-202-5900).

Requirements for Maintenance of Certification

Diplomates of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) who plan to participate in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process must hold an unrestricted medical license in the locale of their practice and privileges in a hospital accredited by the JCAHO (or other organization recognized by the ABTS). In addition, a valid ABTS certificate is an absolute requirement for entrance into the Maintenance of Certification process. If your certificate has expired, the only pathway for renewal of a certificate is to take and pass the Part I (written) and the Part II (oral) certifying examinations. The names of individuals who have not maintained their certificate will no longer be published in the American Board of Medical Specialties Directories. Diplomates' names will be published upon successful completion of the Maintenance of Certification process.

The CME requirements are 30 Category I credits earned during each year prior to application. At least half of these CME hours need to be in the broad area of thoracic surgery. Category